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SUBJECT: SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER SECK ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. IN COURSE OF JULY 16 CALL BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SCHAUFLE ON GOS MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SECK, SECK DISCUSSED SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SECRETARY
KISSINGERS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER. SECK
POINTED OUT THAT INSITUATIONOF CONFLICT, ONE MUST
SEEK POSITIVE ELEMENTS, AND HE HOPED THAT SECRETARYS
MEETING WOULD ADD SOMETHING POSITIVE.

2. ASST SECTY SCHEUAELE SPOKE OF US DESIRE TO
ENCOURAGE CONTINUATIN OF PROCOESS INITIATED BY
SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HIS LUSAKA SPEECH. THER HAD BEEN
FRANK EXCHANGE WITH VORSTER, ENABLING US TO GET
BETTER IDEA OF SOUTH AFICAS POSITION. HIS TRIP HAD BEEN
UNDERTAKEN IN FULFILLMENT OF US COMMITMENT TO CONSULT WITH
AFRICAN NATIONS AFTER MEETING.

3. IN REPLY TO QUESTION ABOUT UNITY OF AFRICAN
LEADERS, AND COHESION AMONG LEADERS OF LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS, SECK SAID THAT DISTINCTION MUST BE DRAWN
BETWEEN POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP. SINCE
PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA MUST ULTIMATELY BE SOLVED
THROUGH NEGOTIATION, AND SINCE MILITARY LEADERS QTE HAVE NO
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TIME TO THINK ABOUT POLITICS-- THEY MUST GIVE AND TAKE

ORDERS AND WORRY ABOUT THE LIVES OF THEIR MEN UNQTE, THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP MUST BE UNIFIED, AND MUST CONTROL THE MILITARY. OAU HAS UNDERTAKEN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE THIS UNITY. SECK PROFESSED HIMSELF HOPEFUL THAT EFFORT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

4. IN REPLY TO COMMENT BY ASST SECY SCHAUFLE THAT SOUTH AFRICA WANTS TO RID ITSELF OF PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, SECK COMMENTED THAT SOUTH AFRICANS MUST REALIZE THAT ONCE THESE TWO TERRITORIES ATTAIN MAJORITY RULE, AFRICA WILL THEN CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON REPUBLIC ITSELF. HE ASKED IF THERE ARE ANY SIGNS THAT SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE CHANGED THEIR FUNDAMENTAL ATTITUDE ON MAJORITY RULE. ASST SECY SCHAUFLE REPLIED THAT WE CANNOT PREDICAT A FAST, OR EVEN SATISFACTORY EVOLUTION IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. IF SOUTH AFRICA CAN BE PERSUADED ON ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA, SITUATION IT FACES WILL BE DIFFERENT. THE PROCESS REQUIRES SUPPORT FROM AFRICANS, AND COOPERATION FROM SOUTH AFRICANS.

5. INCLOSING SOUTHERN AFRICAN PORTION OF CONVERSATION, SECK ASKED IF ATTITUDES OF SOUTH AFRICAN WHITES STEMMED FROM BELIEF IN RACIAL SUPERIORITY, OR FROM DEFENSIVE REACTION TO THEIR SITUATION OF NUMERICAL INFERIORITY. SCHAUFLE REPLIED THAT BOTH FACTORS WERE PRESENT BUT HE COULD NOT HAZARD GUESS OF WHICH ELEMENT IS DETERMINING AT THIS TIME. AGGREY

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